

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Fernando Gonzalez, David Chapek and Randhir P. S. Thakur, declare: that we are citizens of United States of America, United States of America, and India, respectively; that our residences and post office addresses are 2579 S. Flotilla Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83706, 3344 Gekeler Lane #M-304, Boise, Idaho 83706, and 3545 Bridgeporte Place, Boise, Idaho 83706, respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled METHOD FOR FORMING A SELF-ALIGNED ISOLATION TRENCH for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims referred to, and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

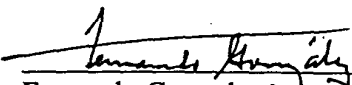
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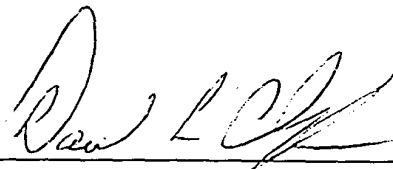
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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

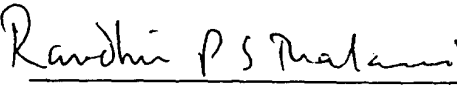
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